

In the Claims:

- 1 1. (original) A lithium battery comprising a positive  
2 electrode, a negative electrode, and a non-aqueous  
3 electrolyte,  
4 wherein manganese dioxide containing 0.1 to 3 % by  
5 weight of boron is used as said positive electrode and a  
6 lithium alloy containing 0.05 to 2 % by weight of aluminum  
7 is used as said negative electrode.
- 1 2. (original) The lithium battery according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said boron is added to manganese dioxide by adding  
3 boric acid.
- 1 3. (original) The lithium battery according to claim 1,  
2 wherein the positive electrode is produced by heat  
3 treatment of manganese dioxide after addition of boron at  
4 a temperature ranging from 350 to 430°C.
- 1 4. (previously presented) The lithium battery according to  
2 claim 1, wherein said positive electrode further includes  
3 0.02 to 2 % by weight of phosphorus.

Claims 5 to 11 (canceled).

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